Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, May 20th, 2010

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 20th, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. attending the meeting was: Park Board President Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro, Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Director – John Tate and Park Board Secretary - Debra Scott. The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the March 18th, 2010, meeting was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for May 20th, 2010, was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No meeting was held in April 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Imagination Station- Mr. Tate stated he had a phone poll with three of the Board members, and received an okay to proceed with the department becoming involved with the Imagination Station. Mr. Tate stated he met with the Library Board about 5 weeks ago and discussed partnering up with the library to clean and fix up the Imagination Station. Imagination Station was built in 2000 by the community and the Friends of the Alexandrian Library were in charge of taking care of the park. The Friends of the Library are all getting older and are unable to maintain the park now. Mr. Tate stated he met with the librarian to discuss an agreement between the two parties. Mr. Tate stated he had written the agreement between the Mt. Vernon-Black Township Parks & Recreation Board and the Alexandrian Public Library Board of Trustees and would like the Park Board to look it over and see if there are any issues that need to be discussed. Mr. Ron Bennett asked about #7 on the agreement. Mr. Tate explained the Imagination Station will still be named

Imagination Station and we will bring back the name College Park to the area. The Imagination Station will be located at College Park. This year will be the Imagination Station's 10 year anniversary. Mr. Tate stated the Imagination Station needs to be re-stained, some minor repairs and new mulch added. The Friends of the Library have a bank account with roughly \$17,000.00 which they would like to give the Park & Recreation Department to help with the upkeep and purchase of the stain and mulch, etc. After a lengthy discussion on the park, Mr. Linc Baro suggested when we prepare the 2011 budget; we add a new line for the Imagination Station. Mr. Kelly Cox made the motion to move forward with the 10 year agreement between the Parks Department and the Alexandrian Public Library; Mr. Linc Baro seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2. Purchases- Mr. Tate asked the Board for the approval to buy some new lounge chairs for the Brittlebank swimming pool. Mr. Tate stated he had looked at chairs at Sam's, Wal-mart.com and Glaser Patio. Sam's chairs were priced at \$104.00, Wal-mart.com they were \$98.00 and Glaser Patio \$130 plus shipping. Mrs. Synda Waters stated Mr. Tate could purchase the chairs site to store and then put them on the departments Sam's card. Mr. Tate thought he would purchase about 6 loungers and if they hold up well he might purchase 4 more. Mr. Don Oeth told Mr. Tate to go ahead and purchase all 10 loungers at one time. Mr. Tate asked the Board for their consent to spend about \$1,000.00 on lounge chairs. Mr. Linc Baro made the motion for Mr. Tate to purchase 10 lounge chairs from Wal-mart.com, Kelly Cox seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Motion was made to adjourn by Synda Waters and seconded by Linc Baro.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Parks Director

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 16th, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.